



Resolution of Support by the Federal Partners
to the
Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment
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THE FEDERAL PARTNERS of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, having worked collaboratively with the Council during its first decade and a half of operation toward the long-term sustainability of this shared ecosystem:

Recognizing this shared responsibility to maintain and enhance environmental quality in the Gulf of Maine and to allow for sustainable resource use by existing and future generations;

Wishing to respond to the encouragement by the Governors and Premiers in their Gulf of Maine Proclamation for the Federal Partners to reaffirm their commitment to the Gulf of Maine Council and to continue to work with the States and Provinces in their efforts to protect the ecosystems of the Gulf of Maine;

INTEND AS FOLLOWS

To continue to support the goals, measurable objectives and priority actions articulated in the Gulf of Maine Council Action Plans to the extent that they are consistent with domestic law and policies, and can be executed within available appropriations;

To continue to actively participate on the Council and, where possible, provide staff members to participate on the Council's Working Group and Committees;

To continue collaborative work with the Gulf of Maine Council and other partners in the region to set and deliver on annual and long-term priorities for action;

To coordinate across sectors represented on the Council to enhance our ability to accelerate implementation of federal statutory and policy responsibilities by entering into effective partnerships and improve federal interagency coordination;

To actively pursue and advise the Council of opportunities for Federal support;

To develop scientific initiatives and projects in cooperation with the Council, consistent with priorities of the U.S. and Canadian Oceans Action Plans.

While not committing the Federal Agencies to specific investments, this Resolution of Support encourages the Federal Agencies to continue their support for and participation in the Council to succeed in addressing issues that must be solved at a regional scale.

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